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In re application of:
Merricks et al.

Serial No.: 09/981,852

Filed: October 17, 2001

For: PLATING BATH

: Group Art Unit: 2812

: Examiner: H. Nguyen

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Official Action mailed on September 9, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, beginning at line 7 with the paragraph set forth in Attachment A. The changes are shown in Attachment B.

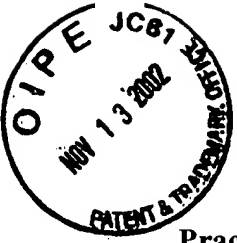
Please replace the paragraphs on page 5 beginning at line 8 and ending at line 25 with those set forth in Attachment C. The changes are shown in Attachment D.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 6, and 11 as set forth in Attachment E. The changes to the claims are shown in Attachment F.

Please add new claims 14 and 15 as set forth in Attachment G.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is
[] a small entity. A statement:
[] is attached.
[] was already filed.
[X] other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

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NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

| | <u>Extension (months)</u> | <u>Fee for other than small entity</u> | <u>Fee for small entity</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | one month | \$110.00 | \$ 55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | two months | \$390.00 | \$195.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | three months | \$890.00 | \$445.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | four months | \$1390.00 | \$695.00 |

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| (Col. 1) | | (Col. 2) (Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY | | | | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | | | |
|--|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|----|
| Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Addit. Fee | OR | Rate | Addit. Fee | |
| Total | * Minus | ** | = | x \$9 = | \$ | | x \$18 = | \$ | |
| Indep. | * Minus | *** | = 0 | x \$40 = | \$ | | x \$80 = | \$ | |
| [] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | + \$135 = | \$ | | + \$270 = | \$ | |
| | | | | | Total Addit. Fee | \$ | OR | Total Addit. Fee | \$ |

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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 The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING: "After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

- (c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

- (d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____.

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____.
☐ Charge Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____.
 A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. [X] If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.

AND/OR

[X] If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.

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